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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kazuhisa SUDO, et al.

SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

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FOR: TONER CONTAINER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449's. Copies of the listed references were submitted in prior application serial no. 10/059,187 filed on January 31, 2002 as well as the enclosed references submitted in serial nos. 09/785,234 filed February 20, 2001 and in co-pending application serial no. 10/188,754 filed July 5, 2002, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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